

K. Great Britain and Ireland. James I. King.

A TRUE

RELATION

OF THE

COMMISSIONS

AND

WARRANTS

for the Condemnation and Burning of

BARTHOLOMEW LEGATT

AND

THOMAS WITHMAN,

the one in West-Smithfield, London, the
other at Lichfield, in the Year, 1611.

Signed with K. *James* his own hand.

In which is laid open their most Blasphemous
Heresies and false Opinions, being part of them
the very same which our *Ranters* in these times
profess to be their *New Lights*.

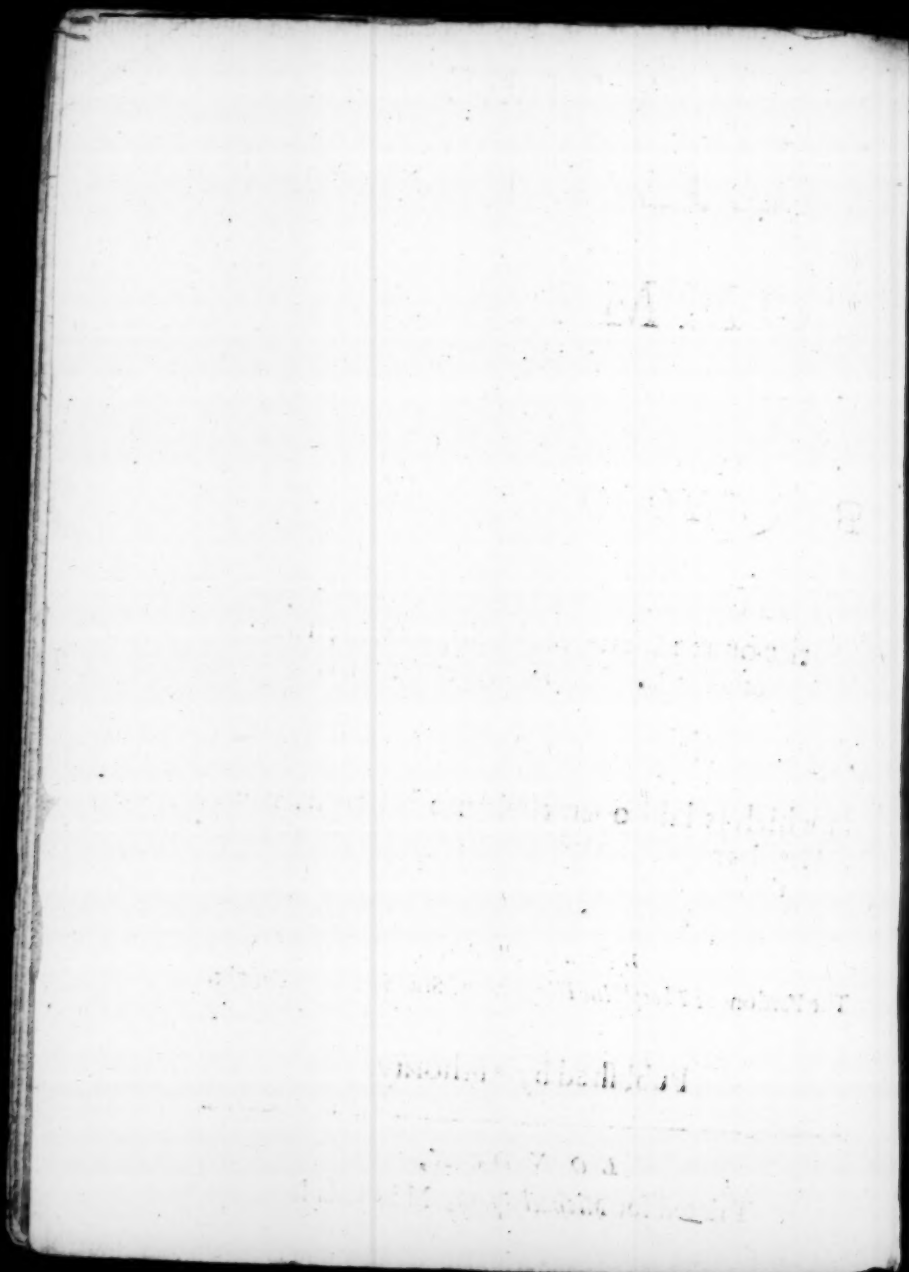
Whereunto are added,

The Pardons of *Theophilus Higgon*, and *St. Eustace Hart* Knight.

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A
NARRATION
of the Burning of
Bartholomew Legatt.

James R.



JAMES by the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defendor of the Faith, &c. To Our right Trusty, and right Wellbeloved Counsellor *Thomas* Lord *Ellesmere* our Chancellor of England, Greeting. Where the Reverend Father in God *John* Bishop of London, having judicially proceeded in a Cause of Heresie against *Bartholomew Legatt* of the City of London, in the Diocess of the said Bishop of London concerning divers wicked Errours, Heresies, and blasphemous Opinions, holden, affirmed and published by the said *Bartholomew Legatt*, and chiefly in these thirteen blasphemous Positions following, viz. That the Creed called the *Nicene Creed* and *Athanasius Creed* contain not a Profession of the true Christian Faith, or that he will not profess his Faith according to the same Creeds. That Christ is not God.

of God begotten, not made, but begotten and made. That there are no Persons in the Godhead. That Christ was not God from everlasting, but began to be God when he took flesh of the Virgin *Mary*. That the World was not made by Christ. That the Apostles teach Christ to be man only. That there is no Generation in God, but of creatures. That this Assertion, God to be made man, is contrary to the Rule of Faith, and monstrous Blasphemy. That Christ was not before the fulness of time except by Promise. That Christ was not God otherwise then an anointed God. That Christ was not in the form of God equal with God, that is, in substance of God, but in Righteousness and giving Salvation. That Christ by his Godhead wrought no Miracle. That Christ is not to be praised unto. Wherein he the said *Bartholomew Legatt* hath before the said Reverend Father maintained his said most Dangerous and Blasphemous Opinions, as appeareth by many his confessions publicly made and acknowledged. For which his Damnable and Heretical Opinions, he is by diffinitive sentence by the said Reverend Father *John* Bishop of *London*, with the advice and consent of other Reverend Bishops, learned Divines, and others learned in the Laws assisting him in Judgement, justly adjudged, pronounced and declared to be an obstinate and incorrigible Heretick, and is left by them under the Sentence of the great Excommunication, and therefore as a corrupt Member to be cut off from the Church of Christ, and Society of the Faithful, and is to be by our secular Power and Authority as an Heretick punished, as by the *significavit* of the said Reverend Father in God the said Bishop of *London*, bearing date at *London* the third Day of *March* in the year of our Lord, 1611. in the ninth year of Our Reign, and remaining in Our Court of Chancery more at large appeareth. And although the said *Bartholomew Legatt* hath since the said sentence pronounced against him, been often very charitably moved and exhorted as well by the said Bishop, as by many grave and learned Divines, to disswade, revoke and remove him from the said Blasphemous and Heretical Opinions, yet he arrogantly and wilfully persisteth and continueth in the same. We therefore according to our Regal Function and Office, minding the execution of Justice in
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this behalf, and to give example to others, least they should attempt the like hereafter, have determined by the Assent of our Council, to will and require, and do hereby Authorize and require you our said Chancellor, immediately upon the receipt hereof, to award and make out under Our Great Seal of England our Writ of Execution according to the Tenor in these Presents ensuing. And these Presents shall be your sufficient Warrant and Discharge for the same.

REX Vicecomitis London, Salutem, Cum Reverendus in Christo Pater Johannes London Episcopus nobis significavit, quod cum ipse in quodam Hæretice pravitate negotio contra quendam Bartholomeum Legatt subditum nostrum Civitatis London diocesis London Episcopi Diocesis. & jurisdictionis rite & legitimè procedens, per Acta inactitata deducta proposita, & per confessiones ipsius Bartholomei Legatt, coram præfato Episcopo judicialiter factas & recognitas comperit & invenit præfatum Bartholomeum Legatt quamplurimos nephandos errores falsas Opiniones Hæreses & Blasphemias execrandas & scelerata dogmata Catholica & Orthodoxæ Fidei & Religioni & Sacrosancto Dei Verbo expressè contraria & repugnantia scienter maliciosè animoque pertinaci obdurato planèque incorrigibili credere tenere affirmare & publicare idem Reverendus Pater London Episcopus cum consilio & consensu tam Reverendorum Episcoporum & aliorum Theologorum quam juris etiam peritorum in judicio assiden. & assisten. eundem Bartholomeum Legatt per sententiam suam diffinitivam obduratum contumacem & incorrigibilem Hæreticum pronunciavit decrevit & declaravit, eaque occasione tanquam protervum Hæreticum & Membrem putridum & contagiosum ab Ecclesia Christi & Fidelium Communione recisum & amputatum fore. Cum igitur sancta Mater Ecclesia non habeat quod ulterius facere & exequi valeat in hac parte, idem Reverendus Pater præfatum Bartholomeum Legatt, ut Blasphemum Hæreticum brachio nostro seculari reliquit condigna animadversione plectend' prout per Literas Patentes præfati Reverendi in Christi Patris London Episcopi in hac parte superinde confect' Nobis in Cancellar' nostram Certificat' est. Nos igitur ut Zelator Justitiæ & Fidei Catholica Defensor, volentesque Ecclesiam sanctam ac Juræ & Libertates ejusdem & Fi-

dem Catholicum mantere & defendere, ac hujusmodi Hereses & Errores ubique quantum in Nobis est eradicare & extirpare, ac Hæreticos sic convictos animadversione condigna puniri, attendentesq; hujusmodi Hæreticum in forma prædicti convictum & damnatum juxta Leges & Consuetudines Regni Nostri Angliæ in hac parte consuetis ignis incendio comburi debere. Vobis præcipimus quod dictum Bartholomæum Legatt in Custodia vestra existens apud West-Smithfield in loco publico & aperto ex causa præmissa coram populo publicè igni committi, ac ipsum Bartholomæum Legatt in eodem igne realiter comburi fac' in hujusmodi criminis Detestationem, aliorumque Christianorum exemplum manifestum, ut in simile crimen labantur. Et hoc sub periculo incumbenti nullatenus omittatis. Teste, &c.

Henry Hibirte.

This containeth a Warrant to be granted by Your Majesty unto the Lord Chancellour of *England*, for the awarding of a Writ under the Great Seal of *England* to the Sheriff of the City of *London*, for the burning of *Bartholomew Legatt*, who is convicted of divers horrible Heresies before the Bishop of *London*, and by his Sentence left to the secular Power, as is by the said Bishop certified to Your Majesty into Your Highness Court of Chancery.

And is done by force of Your Majesties commandment to me given under Your Highness Sign manual.

Henry Hibirte.

THe King to the Sheriffs of *London*, greeting, Whereas the Reverend Father in Christ *John Bishop of London*, hath signified unto Us, that when he in a certain business of Heretical

cal pravity against one *Bartholomew Legatt* our Subject of the City of *London*, of the said Bishop of *Londons* Diocess and Jurisdiction, rightly and lawfully proceeding by Acts enacted, drawn, proposed, and by the Confessions of the said *Bartholomew Legatt*, before the said Bishop judicially made and acknowledged, hath found in the said *Bartholomew Legatt* very many wicked Errours, false Opinions, Heresies, and cursed Blasphemies, and impious Doctrines, expressly contrary and repugnant to the Catholick Faith and Religion, and the holy Word of God, knowingly and maliciously, and with a pertinacious and obdurate plainly incorrigible minde, to believe, hold, affirm and publish, the same Reverend Father the Bishop of *London* with the Advice and Consent, as well of the Reverend Bishops and other Divines, as also of men Learned in the Law, in Judgement sitting and assisting; the same *Bartholomew Legatt* by his definitive Sentence hath pronounced, decreed, and declared to be an obdurate, contumacious and incorrigible Heretick, and upon that occasion as a stubborn Heretick, and rotten contagious Member to be cut off from the Church of Christ, and the Communion of the Faithful; Whereas the Holy Mother Church hath not further to doe and prosecute in this part, the same Reverend Father hath left the aforesaid *Bartholomew Legatt* as a blasphemous Heretick to our secular Power to be punished with condign Punishment, as by the Letters Patents of the said Reverend Father in Christ the Bishop of *London* in this behalf, above made hath certified unto Us in Our Chancery. We therefore as a Zealot of Justice, and a Defendor of the Catholick Faith, and willing to maintain and defend the holy Church, and Rights, and Liberties of the same, and the Catholick Faith: And such Heresies and Errours every where what in Us lieth, to root out and extirpate, and to punish with condign Punishment such Hereticks so convicted, and deeming that such an Heretick in form aforesaid, convicted and condemned according to the Laws and Customs of this Our Kingdome of *England* in this part accustomed, ought to be burned with Fire; We do command you

you, that the said *Bartholomew Legatt*, being in your Custody, you do commit publickly to the Fire, before the People, in a publick and open place in West-Smithfield, for the cause aforesaid, and that you cause the said *Bartholomew Legatt* to be really burned in the same Fire, in Detestation of the said Crime, for the manifest example of other Christians, lest they slide into the same fault, and this that in no wise you omit, under the peril that shall follow thereon. Witnessse, &c.



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A NARRATION

of the Burning of
Edward Wightman.

James R.

JAMES by the Grace of God, King of *England, Scotland, France and Ireland*, Defendor of the Faith, &c. To our right Trusty and right Welbelov'd Councillor, *Thomas Lord Ellesmere* our Chancellour of *England*, Greeting. Where the Reverend Father in God, *Richard Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield*, having judicially proceeded in the Examination, Hearing and Determining of a Cause of Heresie against *Edward Wightman* of the Parish of *Burton upon Trent* in the Diocess of *Coventry and Lichfield*, concerning the wicked Heresies of the *Ebionites, Cerinthians, Valentinians, Arrians, Macedonians, of Simon Magnus, of Manes, Manichees, of Photinus, and Anabaptists*, and of other Heretical, Execrable, and unheard of Opinions, by the instinct of Satan, by him excogitated and holden, viz.

That there is not the Trinity of Persons, the Father, the Son, and the holy Ghost, in the Unity of the Deity. 2. That Jesus Christ is not the true natural Son of God, perfect God, and of the same Substance, Eternity and Majesty with the Father in respect of his Godhead. 3. That Jesus Christ is only Man and a meer Creature, and not both God and man in one Person. 4. That Christ our Saviour took not humane flesh of the substance of the Virgin *Mary* his Mother; and that That Promise, *The seed of the woman shall break the serpents head*, was

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not fulfilled in Christ. 5. That the Person of the holy Ghost is not God coequal, coeternal, and coessential with the Father and the Son. 6. That the three Creeds, viz. The Apostles Creed, the *Nicene* Creed, and the *Athanasian* Creed are the Heresies of the *Nicolaitanes*. 7. That he the said *Edward Wightman* is that Prophet spoken of in the eighteenth of *Deuteronomy* in these words, *I will raise them up a Prophet, &c.* And that That place of *Isaiah*, *I alone have troden the wine-press*: And that That place, *Whose fan is in his hand*, are proper and personal to him, the said *Edward Wightman*. 8. And that he the said *Wightman* is that Person of the holy Ghost spoken of in the Scriptures; and the Comforter spoken of in the sixteenth of *S^t Johns* Gospel. 9. And that those words of our Saviour Christ of the sin of blasphemy against the holy Ghost, are meant of his person. 10. And that That place the fourth of *Malachy*, of *Elias* to come, is likewise meant of his person. 11. That the Soul doth sleep in the sleep of the first death, as well as the body, and is mortall as touching the sleep of the first death, as the body is: And that the Soul of our Saviour Jesus Christ did sleep in that sleep of death as well as his body. 12. That the Souls of the elect Saints departed, are not Members possessed of the triumphant Church in Heaven. 13. That the baptizing of Infants is an abominable custom. 14. That there ought not be in the Church the use of the Lords Supper to be celebrated in the Elements of Bread and Wine: And the use of Baptism to be celebrated in the Element of Water, as they are now practised in the Church of *England*. But that the use of Baptism is to be Administred in Water, only to Converts of sufficient age of understanding, converted from Infidelity to the Faith. 15. That God hath ordained and sent him, the said *Edward Wightman*, to perform his part in the work of the Salvation of the world, to deliver it by his teaching or admonition from the Heresie of the *Nicolaitanes*, as Christ was ordained and sent to save the world, and by his death to deliver it from sin, and to reconcile it to God. 16. And that Christianity is not wholly professed and preached in the Church of *England*, but only in part. Wherein he the said *Edward Wightman* hath before the said Revered Father, as also before our Commissioners for causes

causes Ecclesiastical within our Realm of *England*, maintained his said most perillous and dangerous Opinions, as appeareth by many his Confessions, as also by a Book written and subscribed by him, and given to us. For the which his Damnable and Heretical Opinions, he is by Divine sentence declared by the said Reverend Father, the Bishop of *Coventrey* and *Lichfield*, with the advice and consent of Learned Divines, and other Learned in the Laws assisting him in Judgement, justly adjudged, pronounced and declared to be an obstinate and incorrigible Heretick, and is left by them under the Sentence of the great Excommunication, and therefore as a corrupt member to be cut off from the rest of the flock of Christ, lest he should infect others professing the true Christian Faith: and is to be by Our secular Power and Authority as an Heretick punished: As by the *Significavit* of the said Reverend Father in God the Bishop of *Coventrey* and *Lichfield*, bearing Date at *Lichfield* the fourteenth day of *December* in the ninth year of our Reign, and remaining in our Court of Chancery more at large appeareth. And although the said *Edward Wightman* hath since the said Sentence pronounced against him, been often very charitably moved and exhorted, as well by the said Bishop, as by many other Godly, Grave and Learned Divines to disswade, revoke, and remove him from the said blasphemous, Heretical and Anabaptistical Opinions; Yet he arrogantly and wilfully persisteth and continueth in the same. We therefore, according to Our Regal Function and Office, minding the execution of Justice in this behalf, and to give example to others lest they should attempt the like hereafter, have determined by the assent of Our Council to will and require, and do hereby authorize and require you Our said Chancellor immediatly upon the receipt hereof to Award and make out under Our great Seal of *England*, Our Writ of Execution according to the tenor in these presents ensuing. And these presents shall be your sufficient Warrant and discharge for the same.

REX VICE Civitatis nostra Lich. salutem; Cum Reverendus in Christo Pater Richardus providentia Divina Covent' & Lich' Episcopus nobis significaverit, quod ipse contra & adversus quendam Edwardum Wightman Parochia de Burton super Trent Covent' & Lich' Diocef. de & super nephandis heresibus Ebionis, Cerinthis, Valentiniani, Arrii, Macedonii, Simonis Magi, Manetis, Manechiorum, Photini, & Anabaptistarum aliorumque, heresiarcharum, & insuper de aliis execrandis opinionibus instinctu Satana excogitatis & antehac inauditis, juxta Canonum Ecclesiasticorum legumque & consuetudinum hujus Regni nostri Angl' exigentiam judicialit' procedens, predictus Edwardus Wightman coram prefato Reverendo Patre ac aliis Theologis & jurisperitis sibi in judicio assistentibus comparens, predicta nephanda crimina hereses ac alia detestanda blasphemia & Errores contumaciter & ex quadam pertinacia scienter maliciose animoque obdurato publicavit defendebat & disseminabat, per sententiam definitivam ejusdem Reverendi Patris cum consensu Theologorum & jurisperitarum predictorum juxta Legitime & Canonice contra eundem Edwardum Wightman in ea parte latam heretic' adjudicat' & pronunciat' existit; & ideo tanquam ovem morbidam e grege Domini ne subditos nostros sua contagione inficiet ejiciendum & eliminandum fore decreverit: Cum igitur Sancta Mater Ecclesia non habeat quod ulterius in hac parte facere & exequi debeat, idem Reverendus Pater eundem Edwardum Wightman ut blasphemum & damnatum Hereticum brachio nostro seculari reliquit, condigna animadversione plectenda' prout per Literas Patentes prefati Reverendi Patris Episcopi Covent' & Lich' in hac parte superinde confect' nobis in Cancellar' nostram certificat' est. Nos igitur ut zelator justicie & fidei Catholica defensor: Volentesque Ecclesiam Sanctam ac jura & libertates ejusdem & fidem Catholicam manutenere & defendere, ac hujusmodi Hereses & Errores ubique (quantum in nobis est) eradicare & extirpare, ac Hereticos sic convictos animadversione condigna puniri, attendentesque hujusmodi Hereticum in forma predicta convictum & damnatum juxta leges & consuetudinem Regni nostri Anglia in hac parte consuet' ignis incendio comburi debere; Tibi precipimus quod dict. Edwardum Wight-

Wightman in custodia tua existent' in aliquo loco publico & aperto infra Civitatem pradiſt' ex causa premissa coram populo publice igni committi, & ipsum Edwardum Wightman in eodem igne realiter comburi fac' in huiusmodi criminis detestationem aliorumq; Christianorum exemplum manifestum, ne in simile crimen labantur. Et hoc sub periculo incumbenti nullatenus omittas. Teste, &c.

Henry Hibaite.

This containeth a Warrant to be granted by Your Majesty unto the Lord Chancellour of *England*, for the Awarding of a Writ under the Great Seal of *England*, to the Sheriff of the City of *Lichfield*, for the burning of *Edward Wightman* who is convicted of divers horrible Heresies before the Bishop of *Coventrey* and *Lichfield*, and by his Sentence left to the secular Power, as is by the said Bishop certified to Your Majesty, into Your Highness Court of Chancery.

And is done by force of Your Majesties Commandment to me given under Your Highness Sign Manuel.

Henry Hibaite.

THe King to the Sheriff of Our City of *Lichfield*, Greeting.
Whereas the Reverend Father in Christ, *Richard* by Divine Providence of *Coventrey* and *Lichfield* Bishop, hath signified unto us that he judicially proceeding, according to the exigence of the Ecclesiastical Canons, and of the Laws and Customes of this Our Kingdome of *England*, against one

Edward Wightman of the Parish of *Burton upon Trent*, in the Diocess of *Coventrey* and *Lichfield*, of and upon the wicked Heresies of *Ebion*, *Cerinthus*, *Valentinian*, *Arrius*, *Macedonius*, *Simon Magus*, of *Manes*, *Manichees*, *Photinus*, and of the *Anabaptists*, and other Arch-Hereticks, - and moreover of other cursed Opinions belched by the instinct of Satan excoGITated and heretofore unheard of, the aforesaid *Edward Wightman* appearing before the aforesaid Reverend Father and other Divines, and Learned in the Law, assisting him in Judgement, the aforesaid wicked Crimes, Heresies and other detestable Blasphemies and Errours stubbornly and pertinaciously, knowingly, maliciously, and with an hardened heart, published, defended and dispersed, by definitive Sentence of the said Reverend Father, with the consent of Divines, Learned in the Law aforesaid, Justly, Lawfully and Canonically against the said *Edward Wightman* in that part brought, stands Adjudged and Pronounced an Heretick, and therefore as a diseased Sheep out of the Flock of the Lord, lest Our Subjects he do infect by his contagion, he hath decreed to be cast out and cut off. Whereas therefore the holy Mother Church hath not further in this part what it ought more to do and prosecute, the same Reverend Father, the same *Edward Wightman* as a Blasphemous and condemned Heretick, hath left to Our secular Power to be punished with condign punishment, as by the Letters Patents of the aforesaid Reverend Father the Bishop of *Coventrey* and *Lichfield* in this behalf thereupon made is certified unto Us into Our Chancery. We therefore as a zelot of Justice and a Defendor of the Catholike Faith, and willing that the holy Church and the Rights and Liberties of the same and the Catholike Faith to Maintain and Defend, and such like Heresies and Errors every where so much as in us lies to root out and extirpate, and Hereticks so convict to punish with condign punishment, holding that such an Heretick in the aforesaid form convict and condemned according to the Laws and Customes of this Our Kingdome of *England* in this part accustomed ought to be burned with fire, We command thee that thou cause the said *Edward Wightman* being in thy custody

to be committed to the fire in some publike and open place below the City aforesaid, for the cause aforesaid, before the people, and the same *Edward Wightman* in the same fire cause really to be Burned in the detestation of the said Crime and for manifest example of other Christians, that they may not fall into the same Crime, and this no waies omit, under the peril that shall follow thereon. Witness, &c.

1611.

*Expedit' apud Westm' Nono die Martii
Anno Regis Jacobi Angl' &c. Nono.
per Windebank.*



THE
P A R D O N
OF
Theophilus Higgon.

James R.



EX omnibus ad quos, &c. Salutem. Cum nobis dat' est intelligi, Quod Theophilus Higgon de London Clericus in partes transmarin' absque licenc' nostra Regia emigraverit, Ibidemque duos ann' & dimidium vel eo circiter Commorai' & cum Jesuitis & Presbyter' Conversat' fuerit, atque in eodem temporis spatio in Seminar' Anglic' apud Downy & Sancti Omer' aliquantisper permanerit, Et se Ecclesia Romana reconciliaverit, Necnon quadam Scandalos. & Periculos. contra Stat' huius Regni nostri tam Ecclesiast' quam Temporal', & verbis & script' protulerit, & enunciauerit, atque etiam quosdam è subdit' nostris a Religione in hoc Regno nostro stabilis' seducere & avertere operam & vires intenderit; Postea tamen per sancta & bona media, & praeipue ex penitenti' & instinctu misericordiae & gratiae Divinae, praed' perversitat' suam, ac falsas & opprobriosas opiniones praed' penitus abnegaverit, Seque Religioni verae & reformatae, & in hoc Regno promulgatae & stabilis' Conformem exhibuerit. Sciatis igitur, quod nos pietate moti de gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certi' scient' & mer' motu nostris pardona-

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vimus remissimus & relaxavimus, ac per presentes pro nobis hered' & successor' nostris pardonamus remittimus & relaxamus, prad. Theophilo Higgons de London Clerico, seu quacunque alio nomine cognomine sive additione nominis vel cognominis offic' ari' dignitat. loc. vel locorum, idem Theophilus Higgons censeatur vocetur sive nuncupetur, aut nuper censebatur vocabatur sive nuncupabatur, omn. & omnimod. offens. de transendo in partes transmarin. absq. Licent. nostra, ibidemque commorand. & cum Jesuit. & Presbyter. conversand. ac in Seminar. Anglic. apud Doway & Sanct. Omer. permanend. atque Ecclesia Romana se reconciliand. ac scandalos. aliqua contra Stat. Regni hujus tum Ecclesiast. quam temporal. & scribend. & loquend. atque aliquos è subdit. nostris à Religione hujus Regni nostri avertend. & seducend.; Atque omnes alias offens. delict. contempt. malefact. & transgression. quasunque pramissa aut eorum aliquod vel aliqua in aliquo tangen. vel concernen. per prad. Theophilum Higgons ante dat. presentium qualitercunque Commiss. sive perpetrat. atque etiam omn. & omnimod. offens. prediciones felonias & promunir. ratione alicujus vel aliquorum facti vel factor. superius mencionat. commisit. perpetrat. vel incursum; Licet idem Theophilus Higgons de pramiss. vel aliquo pramiss. indictat. impetis. convict. attinet. adjudicat. utlegat. seu condemnat. existit vel non existit, aut inde indictat. impetis. convine. atting. adjudicar. utlegat. seu condemnari contigerit in futurum; Necnon omnes & omnimod. utlegat. si qua in ipsum Theophilum Higgons occasionibus prad. seu earum aliqua fuerint promulgat. sive promulgand. Ac omn. & omnimod. judic. attinetur. conviction. condemnation. panis mort. penas corporales. imprisonment. ac omn. al. forisfactur. execution. punition. & penalitat. quecunque super vel versus ipsum Theophilum Higgons ratione seu occasione pramiss. sive cor. alicujus habit. fact. reddit. sive adjudicat. aut habend. faciend. reddend. seu adjudicand.; Necnon omn. & omnimod. action. sect. querel. impetition. & demand. quecunque qua nos versus ipsum Theophilum Higgons ratione sive occasione pramiss. seu cor. alicujus habemus habuimus seu in futurum habere poterimus, aut hered. seu successor. nostri habere poterint in futur. sect. atque pac. nostre que ad nos versus ipsum Theophilum Higgons pertinet seu pertineere poterit in futur. & firmam pacem, & hanc pardonation. nostram eidem Theophilo Higgons inde damus.

& concedimus per presentes. Aliquo Statut. Alt. provisione seu restrictione in contrar. inde in aliquo non obstan. In cuius rei, &c. Teste, &c.

Fr. Bacon.

It may please Your excellent Majesty.

This Bill containeth Your Majesties gracious Pardon unto *Theophilus Higgons* Clerk, for any offence or contempt in passing over the Seas, or reconciliation to the Church of *Rome*, or remaining in Seminaries, or conversing with Jesuites or Priests, or other offenses of that nature; for which he is Penitent, and hath converted and conformed himself to the Religion established in this Realm.

I have no Warrant for the drawing of this Bill, save that *St Edward Hoby*, to whom the party bears special obligation, did by his Letter to me signifie Your Majesties pleasure to this purpose: But because the parties conversion was so notorious, and so generally liked, I have presumed to commend this Bill to Your Majesties Signature.

Fr. Bacon.

1611.

*Expedit' apud Westm' xxiii^o die Julij
Anno Regis Jacobi Noni.*

per Windebank.

THE
P A R D O N
O F
S^t Eustace Harte.

James R.

REX Omnibus ad quos, &c. Salutem. Sciatis, quod nos de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia & mero motu nostris pardonavimus, remisimus & relaxavimus ac per presentes pro nobis hered. & successor. nostris pardonamus, remittimus & relaxamus Eustathio Harte de villa de Southampton milit. seu quocunque alio nomine, cognomine seu additione nominis vel cognominis, dignitat. Offic. loc. vel locorum idem Eustathius Harte sciatur, censeatur, vocetur seu nuncupetur, aut nuper sciebatur, censebatur, vocabatur sive nuncupabatur omnia & singula crimina & offens. Adulterii, Fornicationis & Incontinentia quascunque per ipsum Eustathium Harte cum aliqua muliere sive aliquibus mulieribus antedat. present. ubicunque, quandocunque, quomodocunque, & qualitercunque, fact. commis. sive perpetrat. Necnon omnia & singula sect. Impetitiones, actiones, fines, penas, amerciament. & punitiones quascunque tangen. seu concernen. premissa seu eorum aliquod. Except. semper extra has presentes omnibus & singulis Rapt. Mulier. Angl. vocat. Rapes, & omnibus & singulis Incest. & Buggeriis & omnibus aliis criminibus & offensis unde aliqua Billa, Actio, querela aut

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Informatio ante dat. præs. exhibit. fuit & coram nobis & consilio nostro in Camera Stellat. aut aliquibus aliis Cur. nostris apud Westmonaster. aut in aliqua vel aliquibus curiis nostris Ecclesiasticis aut coram aliquem vel aliquos Judicem vel Judic. aut Commissio- nar. nostros Ecclesiastic. modò dependet & remanet proseguend. In cuius rei, &c. Teste, &c.

This containeth Your Majesties Pardon to S^r Eustace Hart Knight, of all Adulteries, Fornications and Incontinencies committed with any woman before this time, and also of all imprisonments, fines and punishments in respect of the same.

It containeth nevertheless an Exception of all Rapes, Incest and Buggeries, and all Sutes wherein any Bill or Sute is depending in the Court of Star-chamber, or any other Your Majesties Courts at *Westminster*, or in any Ecclesiastical Court whatsoever.

Tho. Ridley Cancellarius Winton.

Ex. Levinus Munck.

1616.

*Expedit' apud Westm' Undecimo die Julii
Anno Regis Jacobi quarto decimo.
per Windebank.*

FINIS.